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Newsweek Hosts Panel Discussion on Asian Crisis

From the Asian miracle to the Asian meltdown: covering the biggest international story of the year. On Wednesday, February 25, a panel of *Newsweek* editors and correspondents will take a look at the economic and political effects of Asia's unfolding crisis. The big issues:

- What went wrong—and why didn't the experts see what was coming?
- Whatever happened to "Asian values"?
- Can the world bounce back from the Asian flu?

Moderating the panel will be Alexis Gelber, OPC board member. As a *Newsweek* Assistant Managing Editor and Managing Editor of *Newsweek International*, Gelber is involved in the



Alexis Gelber

overall editorial direction for both the domestic and overseas editions.

Panelists include Michael Elliott, Editor of *Newsweek International*. Elliott is responsible for the content and direction for all of



Michael Elliott

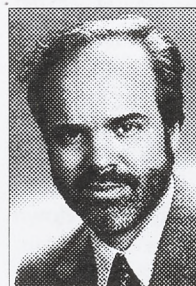
He is the author of "The Day Before Yesterday: Reconsidering America's Past, Rediscovering the Present."

Melinda Liu, Diplomatic Correspondent. Prior to her current post in Washington, D.C., Liu, an expert on Asian culture and politics, was *Newsweek's* Asia regional editor and Hong Kong bureau chief for nine years. Liu joined the magazine in 1980 and opened the Beijing bureau that same year.



Melinda Liu

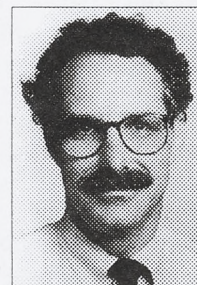
Newsweek's overseas editions, in English, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. He joined *Newsweek* in 1993 as a diplomatic editor, and before that, Elliott was Washington bureau chief for *The Economist*.



Michael Hirsh

Hirsh was the Tokyo-based Asia bureau chief for *Institutional Investor* from 1992 to 1994. Prior to that, he was with the Associated Press in Tokyo.

Robert J. Samuelson, a contributing editor since 1984, is one of the magazine's most recognized writers for his biweekly columns analyzing and reporting socioeconomic issues. He has twice been awarded the prestigious Gerald Loeb award.



Robert Samuelson

The panel discussion from 5:30 to 7:30 pm will be held at Top of the Week on the 21st floor of the Newsweek Building, 251 West 57th Street, in New York City. Refreshments will be served.

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HOLIDAY PARTY (left to right)—Ben Shao, Mark and Jane Ciabattari, and Dave Fondiller swap stories of adventures in the Far East.

KERRY DOLAN

James Fallows: Resist "Frenzy" Journalism

The American media should resist the temptation to engage in reckless reporting and speculation regarding President Clinton's sex scandal and should maintain a balance between domestic preoccupations and international news, *U.S. News & World Report* Editor **James Fallows** told the OPC Foundation luncheon on January 26 in New York. He predicted that Clinton would be able to serve out his term and argued that talk of resignation or impeachment was premature.

Stepping in to replace **Harry Evans**, the scheduled speaker who came down with laryngitis, Fallows flew from Washington to offer his view on "rules of the road" that journalists should observe in covering the spectacular story. They included: resist being stampeded by distribution of so-called news on the Internet, decline to be swayed by a "soccer riot" psychology and rely on Washington's pundits only sparingly.

About 150 people attended the eighth annual scholarship luncheon, where \$1,000 checks were presented to seven students from the University of California at Berkeley, Columbia, Northwestern, Princeton and the University of Texas at Austin. (See page 3) They were chosen from a record 110 college students from across the country who submitted applications. A 10-person panel headed by *Parade* writer **Bernie Gavzer** chose the seven winners in a day-long judging session in December.

The luncheon also was a success in

raising funds to support the scholarship program. That was due in large measure to the generosity of these supporters: Broadgate Consultants, the Dilen-schneider group, The Freedom Forum, *Parade*, Reuters, and *U.S. News & World Report*.

Fallows, an OPC member and author of the book, "Breaking The News", made eight suggestions on how editors, producers and others should maintain a sense of proportion in covering Sexgate. Here are excerpts:

1. "The first is to recognize that this is a legitimate big story in which details that would normally left to our brethren in the pure tabloids are the necessary object of legitimate journalistic inquiry, and that at least for the first day or two of fact finding, some kind of press frenzy may actually have been legitimate. But while recognizing it as a legitimate big story, we should avoid the zero or 100 mentality.

What I mean by the zero or 100 mentality is the thinking that whatever is important at a moment is the only thing that matters, whether it's Diana in her car crash or TWA Flight 800 or any of the other stories we know have popped up mushroom-like in the last year or two and which blot out the rest of the landscape. And we could think of this philosophically, recognizing that our purpose as writers and editors is to give people some kind of proportionate picture of the world, who want to see the world steady and see it whole.

You saw the difference on the week-end shows when "Meet the Press" had Matt Drudge (producer of the Drudge Report on the Internet) on there treating him as if he were a normal person, but it also was careful to reserve one whole segment of the show for the Pope's visit to Cuba, which actually still matters and arguably affects more of the world than this scandal does. ABC, by contrast, gave its entire show to the Clinton scandal. I think there are ways editors in particular can say we are going to place some bounds on this, we're going to make it an important story, perhaps the most important story but not the only story of the moment.

2. "A second guideline for people especially in Washington is to be aware of the intangible but real hystericizing effect for the simple physical attributes that the story has. When a big story is breaking in Washington or, like the O.J. trial, in L.A., suddenly you have 500 cameras around everybody's house. If Vernon Jordan comes out and says some words, suddenly this has everyone rapt. There is a kind of hunger for what's going to happen next. The sheer physical circumstances of so many reporters watching things so hard makes a story more important than it would otherwise be and makes people think there has to be the next development and the next development and the next development, too. I think if we reserve some part of our brains and pull back from the soccer-

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26 Journalists Murdered in 1997

It's a dangerous world for journalists: in all, 26 were murdered last year, either in retaliation for their work or as victims of terrorist attacks. The number was substantially unchanged from 1996. The Committee to Protect Journalists and Reporters Sans Frontieres, which joined to conduct the survey, counted only deaths that had a clear causal link between the killing and the victim's professional work.

The two press freedom organizations reported that seven journalists were killed in India, four in Colombia, three in Mexico and two in Cambodia. One journalist was assassinated in each of 10 countries—Argentina, Brazil, Guate-

mala, Indonesia, Iran, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Ukraine.

CPJ and RSF called on all 14 governments to press vigorous investigations into each of the deaths. With few exceptions, those responsible for the killings have not been arrested or officially identified. "Tragically, homicide remains the leading cause of job-related death for journalists around the world, and the motive is censorship," the two groups said in a joint statement. "If governments allow these crimes to go unpunished, constitutional guarantees of press freedom are meaningless."

For the first time since 1993, no

journalists were murdered in Algeria last year. A total of 60 had been killed in the previous five years, more than in any other country. Bur Robert Menard, secretary general of RSF, said this should not be taken as a sign of improvement. "There are fewer victims because so many Algerian journalists have gone underground, fled into exile or left the profession entirely," he said, "while those who remain on the job live and work under the most extreme security precautions."

*Norman Schorr and Larry Martz,
co-chairmen,
Freedom of the Press Committee*

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David Livingstone
Columbia University



Scholarship winners (left to right)—Suchita Nayar, Edward Wong, Damien Cave, Nicholas Confessore, Erika Hobbs, Kristina Shevory and David Livingstone.



HOLIDAY PARTY—Zaz performed for this august gathering of journalists.

James Fallows: Resist "Frenzy" Journalism, cont'd.

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riot mentality, we will feel better later on.

3. "A third guideline is to recognize the forcing pressure of modern technology and see whether it can be resisted. What I mean here is that the role of editors in theory is to exercise some kind of judgment. What we're supposed to do is stop. Wait a minute. What is the picture of the world we want to present? What are the standards we want to apply to writing, to evidence, to investigation, etc.? I think the editors of *Newsweek* exercised that judgment exactly right when they decided not to go with the almost completed story by **Michael Isakoff** about Monica Lewinsky and decided to wait at least another week. Their hand was essentially forced for technological reasons, though. It was **Matt Drudge** who had this on the Internet and used the young woman's name. Suddenly, it was, in that dreaded phrase, "out there."

"To my mind, in what is on the whole a nauseating spectacle, the most nauseating single detail concerns the garment. There is allegedly a garment with bodily fluids from the president which can be DNA traced. To my knowledge, the only factual basis about the garment is Matt Drudge again putting this on his site. To my knowledge, having looked into this, there's nothing but rumor on which to base this. And this is a kind of detail that people don't forget once they hear it. It is driven by technology with a much different standard of proof. And I hope we can find ways to avoid publicizing things just because technology has gotten them "out there."

4. "A fourth thing we may be able to do to serve our readers well is to exercise not only the basic journalistic skill of questioning the motives and bona fides of sources but also to make this clear to our readers, that different kinds of sources may have different motives. Whenever I see stories saying investigators claim to have found X or Y or Z, I'd like to know who these investigators are, for whom they are working, what kind of axe they have to grind, as opposed just to sources claiming this or that.

5. "A fifth danger we can avoid is the nightmare of a breaking news story when news stops being so available, because what happens then is a massive switch into pundit mode, with results that are embarrassing for almost all. Over this last weekend, there was very little new news, and there were hours upon hours of talk shows to be filled. Many things that people wouldn't say in the cold light of day or especially in print were being said over the airwaves. We should find some way, if there's no new news, to talk about something else, be it the Pope, be it Saddam Hussein, be it anything else. That would be better than just switching into time-filling pundit mode.

6. "My sixth guideline or rule for life is to avoid what Harry Evans once referred to as the "escalatory hypothetical." What he means, for example, is asking Leon Panetta: "Suppose all this is true, what would happen then?" And Leon Panetta says: "Well, if it's all true, well, then we have to quit." Suddenly the headline is: "Panetta to President: Drop Dead." Suppose you asked Madeleine

Albright on one of these shows, "Suppose that Castro murdered the Pope while the Pope was in Cuba. What would the U.S. do?" And Albright said: "Well, we'd take that very seriously." And the next day's headlines are: "Albright to Cuba: Watch Out." If we could find ways to avoid these hypothetical questions for a situation that is moving so quickly and whose factual basis is still so unknown, we would all spare ourselves problems.

7. "A seventh rule of the road is to apply some common sense. It seems to me literally crazy to be writing about impeachment now. Impeachment involves actual crimes. It is very difficult for a reasonable person to imagine the president or Vernon Jordan having left proof of a crime that would convince the House and Senate to impeach and convict him. It's just irresponsible and non-common-sensical to write about impeachment. I personally feel the same way about resignation. Richard Nixon did not resign until it was crystal clear he was going to be impeached and convicted. I have long thought of Bill Clinton as the Democrats' Nixon. Nixon was somebody who couldn't be beaten, who kept coming back, who was a two-term president although unpopular with a lot of people. It seems to me very unlikely that Clinton will resign.

8. "My final point is that we write often that Bill Clinton is aware of his role in history. But we also have a role in history, not simply the history we affect by the tone of our coverage now but what people are going to look back on a year from now, five years from now, or 20 years from now. As they look back at Watergate, I think they generally say: The press on the whole was too cautious in the early stages. There were leads the press in general didn't pursue, but that when the *Washington Post* went after it, they were very, very, very careful about knowing what they had to say before they said it.

"I think we should bear in mind while putting together our magazine, while writing our stories, and while punditizing that there will be a time when people look at us, when they know how the whole thing played out. And we will look as if we were part of the mob and part of the frenzy, or as if we were exercising our right jobs, depending on what we do now."



U.S. News & World Report Editor and OPC member James Fallows speaking at the Foundation Scholarship Luncheon.



Clay Bennett, *The Christian Science Monitor*.

PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

LOS ANGELES: Open to young and old, the *Los Angeles Times* fifth annual Scariest Halloween Story Ever Told Contest drew 5,626 entries last year. Competition was open to children 11 years old and under, and persons 12 and older. OPC member **Jim Colligan**, 68, entered the illustration contest for 12 year olds and older, and he won. His red, yellow and gray paper cutting titled "Tricky Treat" was among winning entries published in the *L.A. Times*.

MOSCOW: Seven Chechen television journalists who work for Western and Russian news organizations were kidnapped in late December while covering a clash between Chechen and Russian forces and held captive for one week. They work for Reuters, Worldwide Television News and two Russian TV networks, ORT and NTV. They were seized when they crossed from Chechnya into neighboring Dagestan, and a group named People's Volunteer Corps of Dagestan claimed responsibility. Russian news reports said the journalists were released following negotiations between the kidnappers and authorities in the Republic of Dagestan. No ransom was paid or any deals made with the kidnappers, the reports said.

NEW YORK: In one telephone call in

January, **Don Hewitt**, executive producer of the CBS News Show "60 Minutes," and the Palestine Authority patched up a dispute that threatened CBS coverage of Palestine. In a letter, Bassam Abu Sharif, special adviser to Palestinian leader Yasir Arafat, told Hewitt that CBS would "no longer be given unrestricted access to either our officials of government or the territories under our control." Abu Sharif complained that a December "60 Minutes" program was unfair in referring to Palestinian involvement in corrupt monopolies controlling consumer good sales in the West Bank and Gaza. After telephoning Abu Sharif on Jan. 6, the day after he received the letter, Hewitt told *The New York Times*: "He told me they're not turning down access to CBS News, just 'unrestricted' access, and who gets that anyway?"

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James Murdoch, 24, in January was appointed deputy publisher of the daily *New York Post*, one of the properties in **Rupert Murdoch's** Australia-based News Corporation, an international media and entertainment empire with annual revenues of more than \$10 billion. Previously head of News America Digital Publishing, which handles Internet ventures, the younger Murdoch is scheduled to move into the Post March 30. Rupert Murdoch's other two children also work

for him. **Lachlan Murdoch**, 26, is a board member of News Corporation, and according to the *Daily News* in New York is scheduled some day to succeed his father, 66, who reportedly has no plans to retire. Currently Lachlan runs News Corporation's properties in Australia and New Zealand. Daughter **Elisabeth Murdoch**, 29, is a member of the corporation's executive committee and general manager of British Sky Television.

The New York Times and *The Washington Post* in late January announced appointment of two executives to run *The International Herald Tribune*, the Paris-based newspaper owned jointly by the two U.S. papers. Effective March 1, **Peter C. Goldmark Jr.**, 57, will become chairman and chief executive of *The International Herald Tribune*; and **Richard Wooldridge**, 55, will be president and chief operating officer. They succeed **Richard McClean**, 60, who is retiring after five years as publisher and chief executive. A spokeswoman for *The Times* said Goldmark will focus on increasing the number of the *IHT's* printing sites, now located in 14 cities around the world. Goldmark, former president of the Rockefeller Foundation, held several city and state government posts in New York and Massachusetts from the 1960s to the 1980s. Wooldridge is a former editor of *The Yorkshire Evening Press* in England, a director of the Westminster Press newspaper group that is a part of the Pearson Plc British media company and for the past 18 months a consultant to the *IHT*.

PARIS: **Ann M. Blinkhorn**, 38, director of development planning at The New York Times Company, in January was appointed president of North American operations for the Paris-based *International Herald Tribune*, which is printed in 14 cities around the world and distributed in more than 180 countries with a daily circulation over 207,000. Blinkhorn joined The New York Times Company in 1989. From 1992-1994, she was publisher of *The New York Times News in Review*, a Russian-language edition of *The Times* that was published and distributed in Russia in partnership with Moscow News.

SEOUL: **Richard Choi**, 49, a news anchor and talk show host for the Los Angeles Korean-language radio station KBLA-AM, was arrested in Seoul in December on charges of criminal rumor

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mongering. He had reported that *Hankook Ilbo*, a major South Korean newspaper, was in financial trouble and would be acquired by the conglomerate Hyundai Group. The newspaper filed the charges, but the government said it hoped the matter could be settled amicably. Arrested on Dec. 19, Choi was held in jail until January when he was released on condition that he remain in the country for trial. South Korea's rumor mongering law has been used to jail Korean reporters but apparently never before applied to a foreign citizen, **Nicholas Kristof** of *The New York Times* reported. Born and raised in South Korea, Choi is a U.S. citizen who returned to Korea to cover the December presidential election. In Los Angeles, Choi's radio station competes against a station owned by *Hankook Ilbo*, which brought the charges that can lead to five years in prison. Commenting on the case, Lee Sang Kyu, director general for the foreign press in South Korea's Information Ministry, told AP: "It's a private legal matter in which the Government has no part, but we hope that the dispute would be resolved amicably."

TANGIERS: OPC member **Josephine Lyons**, an NBC writer/producer based in New York, late last year covered a four-day conference marking the 200th anniversary of friendship between the United States and Morocco. Participants included Carleton Coon, former U.S. ambassador to Morocco; professors from Harvard and Paris; and representatives of the U.S. State Department.

TEHERAN: Adhering to Muslim customs for women, **Christiane Amanpour**, CNN's chief international correspondent, covered her head with a scarf and wore a dress that reached to her ankles when she interviewed Iranian President Mohammad Khatami for 45 minutes in January. It was the first interview that Khatami had given to a foreign news organization since his election last May. While ruling out government-to-government dialogue, he told Amanpour that Iran and the United States should exchange journalists, scholars and tourists to end years of mistrust between the two nations. Ironically, the U.S. response was delivered by Amanpour's fiancée, James P. Rubin, the State Department's chief spokesman. Responding to Khatami's suggestion of cultural exchanges, Rubin told newsmen in

Washington that the United States insists that any dialogue must occur between the two governments. Rubin, 37, proposed to Amanpour, 40, on a Tobago beach in December, and they now are engaged with plans to marry this summer.

TOKYO: Dutch journalist **Karel van Wolferan**, whose book "The Enigma of Japanese Power" [1989] made him one of this decade's best known foreign correspondents in Japan, returned late last year to The Netherlands, where he will teach. A resident of Japan for more than 25 years, van Wolferan was a correspondent for the Dutch newspaper *N.R.C. Handelsblad*. His critical book examines how Japan works and has been widely quoted throughout the world. Van Wolferan was president of the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents Club, 1982-1983, and served four terms as club treasurer.

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Bernie Krisher, for more than 30 years a Japan-based journalist and *Newsweek's* former Tokyo bureau chief, received a personal lesson in problems facing hospitals in North Korea. Accompanied by daughter Debbie, Krisher traveled to North Korea last year to distribute food and medical equipment collected in a relief effort that he operates with his wife and their two children. In a New Year letter to friends, Krisher reported: "I was briefly hospitalized in Pyongyang, where I experienced first hand the lack of medical supplies and shortage of heating, but received excellent medical and loving tender care. I was moved on the date of my discharge to be told the hospital had waived all charges 'because we appreciate what you are doing for our people.' I realized then that North Korea is far more Confucian than Communist and [I] wish the world could recognize that the frost that now serves as its fortress could easily melt if there were more sunshine from us." Krisher and his family also raise funds and supplies for a charity hospital they established in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, where Bernie founded and publishes *The Cambodia Daily*, an independent newspaper that trains local journalists.

◆
David Hulme, a former Tokyo reporter for *The Washington Times* and Tokyo's *Daily Yomiuri*, traveled through Asia, North America and Europe late last year to interview former students of two schools in Tientsin (now Tianjin), China. Foreign children attended the schools before the Communist government was

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established in 1949. Hulme, who now lives in Queensland, Australia, plans a book based on the interviews.

◆
Youngest guest at the children's Christmas party in the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents in December was 2-month-old Caroline, daughter of **Nick Kristof** and **Sheryl WuDunn**, *The New York Times* husband-and-wife Tokyo correspondents. Nick and Sheryl, who won the 1990 Pulitzer Prize for international reporting on their coverage of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations, also are parents of Gregory, 5, and Geoffrey, 3.

WASHINGTON: **Robert G. Kaiser**, a former *Washington Post* foreign correspondent and now the newspaper's managing editor, will become an associate editor and senior correspondent at the Post June 30. Kaiser, 54, who won the OPC's 1975 award for best newspaper reporting from abroad, said that being top editor deprived him of time to report and write. He was a correspondent in the

paper's Saigon bureau, 1969-1970, and Moscow bureau chief, 1971-1974. He joined the Post as a reporter in 1967 and has been managing editor since 1991.

◆
The New York Times has shifted correspondents between the U.S. State and Defense Departments to "put us on a firm footing for the push ahead on the interwoven beats of State, Defense and Intelligence," Washington bureau chief **Michael Oreskes** said late last year. Defense correspondent **Philip Shenon**, 38, moved to the State Department beat, and current State Department correspondent **Steven Lee Myers**, 32, became defense reporter. Meanwhile in New York, **Susan Chira**, a Times correspondent in Tokyo in the 1980s, is the newspaper's new deputy foreign editor. Also, The Times transferred **Mark Landler** from its New York business staff to Hong Kong to cover Asia business.

◆
Mike Keats, former UPI correspondent and editor in Africa, Europe, Asia and Washington, has moved back to Washington from Rome. He's now managing editor of Inter-Press Service, which distributes news and features about developing nations. After leaving UPI, Keats joined Inter-Press in Amsterdam, later transferring to Rome.

◆
DECEASED: Pierre Boulat, 73, a French photographer for *Life* in the 1950s and 1960s, died Jan. 11 in Nemours, France. In 1953, *Life* published his photo of a tornado over Paris, starting his 23-year relation with the magazine. Among

the people he photographed for *Life* were Aristotle Onassis, Arthur Rubinstein, Karen Blixen, Federico Fellini, Truman Capote and Duke Ellington. After leaving *Life*, Boulat became an independent photographer.

◆
Richard F. Dempewolff, 83, a member of the OPC board of governors, 1975-1979, who joined the club in 1954, died Dec. 30 at his home in Henryville, Pennsylvania. A magazine writer and editor, Dempewolff's assignments took him to many places including Tibet, the Gobi Desert, India, Arabia, Venezuela, and the Korean War. In 1955 at the invitation of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, Dempewolff joined an expedition to Antarctica, living on the ice for three months and flying over the South Pole with other correspondents including Bernard Kalb of *The New York Times* and Saul Pett of AP. Before U.S. Navy service in World War II, Dempewolff worked for *Literary Digest*, *Newsweek*, *True*, Fawcett Men's Group and Pic. After the war, he was an editor and science writer for *Popular Mechanics*. He wrote seven books, and from 1967 until his retirement in 1974, edited *Science Digest*.

◆
Pierre Péladeau, 72, a Quebec newspaper publisher who lost money when he tried to break into the U.S. press, died in a Montreal hospital Dec. 24 following a heart attack. Péladeau owned four newspapers including *Le Journal de Montreal*, Canada's third largest newspaper and Quebec's largest French paper. In 1977, he founded *The Philadelphia Journal*, a

The Carole Simpson Leadership Institute for African Women in the Media

Carole Simpson, senior correspondent of ABC News and Sunday anchor of ABC World News, has made a charitable gift to the International Women's Media Foundation (IWMF) to develop an annual leadership training seminar for African women journalists.

daily heavy with sports. It closed in 1981, and Péladeau later said the U.S.\$14 million he lost in Philadelphia earned him "the most expensive M.B.A. in the United States."

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The Rev. **Albert J. Nevins**, an OPC member who lived in Tampa, Florida, died Dec. 15. An active member of the Club since 1955, Nevins was a retired Maryknoll priest.

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Hajime (Jimmy) Horikawa, who worked his way up from elevator boy to general manager of the Tokyo Foreign Correspondents Club, and **William Salter**, a life member of the Tokyo club, died in Tokyo hospitals the same week in November, both of cancer. Horikawa, 65, was hired by the club as a night elevator boy in 1949 when he was 17 at a monthly salary of 330 yen (then less than one U.S. dollar). Over the years, he served as assistant librarian, waiter, chief bartender, head waiter, assistant manager and general manager from 1986 until retiring in 1988. Salter, a CPA and tax expert whose age was reported variously as 89 and 92, was the club's financial and tax advisor for many years. A member of an English seafaring family, he started his long life in Japan in 1927 when he jumped ship in Yokohama. Except for World War II service in the British Royal Navy, Salter had lived in Japan ever since.



HOLIDAY PARTY (left to right)—Helen Rudinsky, Fred Lembeck, Midge Longley and Arnold Crane. Two long-time members get acquainted with two new members.

SAVE THESE DATES:

**THURSDAY, MARCH 5
AT NEWSEUM/NY**

Opening "Requiem" book and photo exhibit.

Photographers who died in Vietnam. Edited by Horst Faas and Tim Page.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23
AT GRAND HYATT, NYC**

OPC Annual Awards Dinner

New Books

• Fed up with reporting from Bulgaria to Bangladesh, **Joseph A. Reaves** of *The Chicago Tribune* wanted to quit in 1991 and move back to Tennessee. He refused postings to Tokyo, Moscow or Denver. But he jumped when his editor asked if he would cover the Chicago Cubs baseball team. In "Warsaw to Wrigley: A Foreign Correspondent's Tale of Coming Home from Communism to the Cubs" [Diamond Communications], Reaves writes that most 25-year-old baseball players are "more cocksure, more narcissistic or egomaniacal" than leaders he had interviewed including Yasir Arafat, Lech Walesa and King Hussein. Reinvigorated by the baseball beat, Reaves has moved back to Asia.

• Growing up in Sydney, Australia, in a family that had never been on an airplane or made an international phone call, **Geraldine Brooks**, a former Middle East reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, longed for news of the outside world. So she acquired pen pals in several countries including the United States, Israel and France. After tracking them down in later years, Brooks recounts her childhood correspondence and describes her pen pals as adults in "Foreign Correspondence" [New York: Anchor Books/Doubleday]. She writes that "the geography of this childhood correspondence has become the road map of the adult life I have lived."

• In 1991, **Susan Meiselas**, 49, a Magnum photographer who covered civil wars in Nicaragua and El Salvador in the 1980s, visited a photo shop in the

Kurdish town of Paveh, Iran. There she found a snapshot of men holding on sticks the decapitated heads of Kurds. She made a Polaroid copy of that photo and over the next six years assembled a photographic history of the Kurds: "Kurdistan: In the Shadow of History" [New York: Random House]. "Twenty million Kurds exist across the borders of Turkey, Iraq, Iran and Syria," Meiselas told *The New York Times* in January. "They are actually the largest ethnic group on earth without a state of their own." The author created a Web page (www.akakurdistan.com) that includes pictures from her book and documents and images found after the book was printed.

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HOLIDAY PARTY (left to right)—Allan Dodds Frank (CNNfn), Harriett Corporon (wife of our President) and Michael Serrill (Time).

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